

Borrowing Power Wheelchairs and Scooters from Katy's Kloset

Equipment loaned by Katy's Kloset Medical Equipment Lending Library is loaned "as is". Katy's Kloset is unable to warranty or repair items once they are loaned to a customer. Customers are responsible for any modifications, repairs, and/or maintenance for items borrowed including the cost and labor for replacement batteries. Customers may keep power equipment for as long as it is needed, however **customers are responsible for replacing batteries that are defective or have reached the end of their useful life.**

Please refer to the *Katy's Kloset a service of Team Up! With Families, Inc. Medical Equipment Lending Library Loan Agreement* on our website at teamupwithfamilies.org for more information.

Batteries+Bulbs is one vendor that may be able to assist you with the purchase and installation of batteries for your power wheelchair or scooter. <https://www.batteriesplus.com/battery/wheelchair-and-mobility>

Because Katy's Kloset receives limited donations of power chairs and scooters and is unable to provide power mobility equipment for every customer in need, **each customer and user is limited to borrowing one piece of power mobility equipment.** If you do borrow a power wheelchair or scooter from Katy's Kloset, we hope that you will begin planning for replacement of that equipment when it exceeds its useful life.

To ensure long life and maximum distance with this power equipment, please follow these tips to help maximize the life of its batteries:

- Keep the batteries fully charged.
- Avoid storing the power equipment in places where it can be exposed to extreme temperatures, either too hot or too cold. It can permanently damage the batteries.
- If you use the power equipment every day
 - Charge the battery every night for at least eight hours, regardless of the amount of use the power equipment has had that day.
- If you use the power equipment less than once a week
 - Charge the batteries at least once a week for a minimum of eight hours.
- Do not charge the batteries for more than 24 consecutive hours. **Overcharging does not improve performance and can have a negative effect.**
- Use the charger that came with the power equipment for the safest and most efficient charging. Chargers are matched to the type and size of batteries.
- Do not leave the battery charger plugged in constantly to the wall outlet when it is not in use.

Thank you for using Katy's Kloset Medical Equipment Lending Library.